

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Claims 1-62 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

By this Preliminary Amendment, new claims 45-62 have been added.

Support for the newly added claims is found in the original claims and throughout the specification and the drawings, particularly in paragraphs 0030, 0052, 0053, 0072 and 0074. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

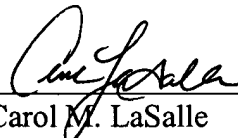
Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number FLEX-001.

Respectfully submitted,
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